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(Under 37 CFR § 1.53(d))

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This is a Request for filing a X continuation or divisional application under 37 CFR § 1.53(d) (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application Serial No. 09/370,776, filed on August 9, 1999, which is a Continuation of PCT/JP98/03127, filed July 13, 1998, by the following named inventors: Tatsuya Kubota and Norio Wakatsuki, and currently entitled **DATA MULTIPLEXING DEVICE, PROGRAM DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, PROGRAM TRANSMISSION SYSTEM, PAY BROADCAST SYSTEM, PROGRAM TRANSMISSION METHOD, CONDITIONAL ACCESS SYSTEM, AND DATA RECEPTION DEVICE.**

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— See attached sheet for names and addresses of additional inventors (if any).

— This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d)(4). Please delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:

— See attached sheet for names of additional inventors to be deleted (if any).

The above identified prior application in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment of, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. Please use all the contents of the prior application file wrapper, including all previously entered amendments and the drawings, as the basic papers for the new application.

Note: If prior application is not to be abandoned, then the form for 37 CFR 1.53(b) should be used.

1. X Enter the amendment previously filed on July 12, 2002 under 37 CFR 1.116 but unentered, in the prior application.
2. X A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 1 and 2 above.

(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) CALCULATIONS
TOTAL CLAIMS	9 -20-	0	x \$18.00	\$0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2 -3-	0	x \$84.00	\$0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS(S) (IF APPLICABLE)			+ \$280.00	\$
			BASIC FEE	+ \$ 740.00
Total of above Calculations				\$740.00
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TOTAL FILING FEE				\$740.00

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4. a. X A check in the amount of \$740.00 is enclosed.
- b. ___ The filing fee to be paid later with surcharge.
5. a. X Priority of foreign Application No. 9-171039 filed on June 11, 1997 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
- b. X A certified copy of said foreign priority application was filed in prior U.S. application Serial No. 09/370,776 filed August 9, 1999. Acknowledgement thereof is requested.

6. X The prior application is assigned of record to Sony Corporation by virtue of an Assignment recorded in the U.S. Patent Office on August 9, 1999, at Reel 010166, Frame 0520.
7. Original title and original applicant(s) of prior U.S. application, if different from above:
8. X This application is being filed within the first month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor in the prior application. This is a petition to request a one-month extension of time. A check (\$110.00) covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to further examination of this application, please amend this application as follows.